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Stockton Fire Department Announces Memorial Service for Captain Vidal “Max” Fortuna

Community encouraged to pay respects by viewing online and roadside procession

STOCKTON, Calif. – The Stockton Fire Department is grieving the loss of Captain Vidal “Max” Fortuna who died in the line of duty on Monday, January 31, 2022. Closed services will be held in Stockton on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

Memorial services will include the Fortuna family and friends, the Stockton Fire Department and their families, active and retired members of fire service and law enforcement agencies from throughout the State of California, and invited guests only.

Community members are invited to attend the memorial via live stream from the Stockton Fire Department Facebook page [@stocktonfiredepartment](https://www.facebook.com/stocktonfiredepartment) and pay respects by observing the roadside procession. The procession route and viewing locations will be available within the next few days at www.stocktonca.gov/fire.

“The outpouring from the community and others throughout the nation has been overwhelming,” shared Stockton Fire Chief Rick Edwards. “We appreciate and are humbled by the tremendous support. In lieu of flowers, Stockton Professional Firefighters Local 456 has provided an opportunity for making a donation at [Fund the First, Fallen Fire Captain Max Fortuna](#), that will provide the greatest benefit to the Fortuna Family.”

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